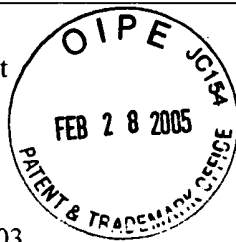
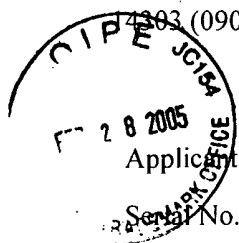


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Richard J. Ernst  
Serial No.: 10/687,451  
Conf. No.: 8743  
Filed: October 16, 2003  
For: ROD HANGER FOR SECURING A  
ROD TO A SUBSTRATE  
  
Art Unit: 3632  
Examiner: Shulterbrandt, Kofi A.

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February 24, 2005

Date

Registration No. 40,607  
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	24	22	2	\$50.00	\$ 100.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00	\$ 00.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00	\$ 00.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 00.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 00.00

(X) Amendment A

(X) A check in the amount of \$100.00 is attached.

( ) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Letter to Draftsperson, with \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of marked-up drawings.

( ) Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 3, 2004, the Applicant through his undersigned attorney provides the following amendments and remarks:

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